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SUBJ: NEW SOVIET-AFGHAN AID AND DEBT RESCHEDULING AGREEMENT  
SIGNED

REF: A. CERP 002; B. KABUL 0340; C. KABUL 0403

1. SUMMARY: NEW 308 MILLION RUBLE SOVIET-AFGHAN AID AGREEMENT  
AND 100 MILLION RUBLE DEBT RESCHEDULING AGREEMENT SIGNED IN KABUL  
ON FEBRUARY 27. AID AGREEMENT COVERS FEASIBILITY STUDIES, PROJECT  
PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION FOR NUMBER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.  
DEBT RESCHEDULING AGREEMENT DEFERS PAYMENTS OF LOANS AND INTEREST  
FROM 1975-80 TO 1986-95. MOST PROJECTS COVERED BY AID AGREEMENT  
ARE IN NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN. EMD SUMMARY.

2. SOVIET ECONOMIC DELEGATION, HEADED BY S.A. SKACHKOV, PRESIDENT  
STATE COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC RELATIONS OF USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,  
SIGNED NEW AID AGREEMENT (REFTELS B AND C) WITH GOA MINISTER OF  
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PLANNING KHURRAM ON FEBRUARY 27 CALLING FOR EXPENDITURE 308

MILLION RUBLES ON FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND PROJECT PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION FOR IMPRESSIVE NUMBER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. NO RPT NOT TIME FRAME FOR AGREEMENT WAS ANNOUNCED. PROJECTS TO BE ASSISTED RANGE FROM IRRIGATION SCHEMES AND HYDROELECTRIC POWER ON TRIBUTARIES OF AMU DARYA (OXUX) RIVER TO ESTABLISHMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES SUCH AS IRON AND COPPER SMELTING PLANTS AND EXPLOITATION VAST HAJIGAK IRON ORE RESERVES. ALSO INCLUDED IS EXPANSION PRESENT NATURAL GAS PIPELINE TO ALLOW EXPORT FIVE BILLION CUBIC METERS NATURAL GAS FROM NGHANISTAN TO SOVIET UNION.

3. PLANNING MINISTER KHURRAM TOLD PRESS THAT ESTIMATED 1.5 MILLION JERIBS LAND TO BE IMPROVED OR RECLAIMED UNDER AGREEMENT WILL GENERATE ANNUAL NEW INCOME OF 3 BILLION AFGHANIS AND WILL RESULT IN MARKED INCREASE OF RAW MATERIALS, PRINCIPALLY COTTON, FOR AFGHAN INDUSTRIES.

4. COMMENT: AGREEMENT SIGNING IS CULMINATION OF NEGOTIATIONS STARTED DURING AFGHAN PRESIDENT DAOUD'S VISIT TO MOSCOW IN JUNE 1974. SEPARATE DEBT RELIEF AGREEMENT WILL GIVE MUCH NEEDED ELBOW ROOM TO AFGHAN BUDGET OVER NEXT FEW YEARS AND SHOULD RESULT IN LARGER DIVERSION REVENUES TO DEVELOPMENT BUDGET IN EXT AFGHAN FINANCIAL YEAR BEGINNING MARCH 21, QOUT. NEW AGREEMENTS WERE GIVEN PROMINENT AND WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY IN AFGHAN MEDIA AND GENERATED FULSOME PRAISE IN EDITORIALS IN ALL AFGHAN NEWSPAPERS. HEAD OF SOVIET DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED BY AFGHAN PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER DAUD AS

WELL AS OTHER MEMBERS GOA CABINET. NEW NATURAL GAS DESULPHERIZATION PLANTS AND EXPANDED PIPELINE WHEN COMPLETED WILL ALMOST DOUBLE GAS EXPORTS TO SOVIET UNION FROM ESTIMATED 2.8 BILLION CUBIC METERS IN CY1975 TO BE REPORTED 5 BILLION CUBIC METERS. END COMMENT.  
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